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Pictured above is the new Delmar, Delaware Council. From right to left: Mayor Michael Houlihan, Vice Mayor Mary Lee Pase, Council Member Glen "Woody Payne", newly appointed Council Member Gregory Smith, Town Manager Sara Bynum-King. Absent: Council Member Robert Thompson.

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Election that had been scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2010 was cancelled due to no opposition to the incumbents. There were three seats vacant; one Mayor and two Council Members. Mayor Outten chose not to run for re-election. Vice Mayor Houlihan ran unopposed for the Mayor seat while Council Member Pase ran unopposed for her Council seat. The Oath of Office was administered on Monday, November 1, 2010 at the Delaware Council meeting in which time newly elected Mayor Houlihan appointed Delmar, Delaware resident Gregory Smith to fill the vacant Council seat.

### **State of Delaware Curbside Recycling Mandate**

On June 8, 2010 Governor Jack Markell, signed Senate Bill No. 234 an act to amend Titles 7 and 30 of the Delaware Code Relating to Recycling and Beverage Containers. Effective September 15, 2011 the Town of Delmar, Delaware will be required by law to implement a curb side recycling service for single family dwelling units. Multi-family residences such as apartment complexes will be required to implement the recycling mandate by January 1, 2013. **There will be additional information forthcoming over the next several months as implementation plans are finalized.** To read the entire Senate Bill No. 234 visit the Official web site of First State Legislature at [www.legis.delaware.gov](http://www.legis.delaware.gov)

## Delmar Revitalization Committee

On September 25, 2010 the Delmar Revitalization Committee (DRC) in conjunction with the Lower Delaware Mustang Club sponsored the annual Delmar Heritage Day Celebration. A fun day was had by all at the N. Pennsylvania Ave. business district with art & craft exhibits, food vendors, tours of the caboose, games, live music by "13 South" and the Mustang Club Car Show as the main attraction. Early evening activities at Mason-Dixon Park involved a softball game sponsored by the Delmar Parks & Recreation Council with fireworks capping off the day of celebration.

The DRC on behalf of the Towns' Elected Officials and Administration would like to thank the Lower Delaware Mustang Club, all of the downtown businesses, art & craft exhibitors, and food vendors for their participation. A special thanks to Milanos' and Norfolk Southern Railroad for their civic generosity in allowing the use of their electricity to supply the electric to activities for the day. Also a special thanks to the Mustang Club and the Wilmington Trust Bank along with the Town of Delmar for their sponsorship of the fireworks.



Delmar Heritage Day is a Town wide celebration of its rich history as a railroad spur. It has been primarily held in the downtown business district as that was the location of the train station and the vibrant business activity of the day. This event and its activities should represent and involve every resident, business, ethnic group, and age range of Delmar's population. To that end, the DRC would like to encourage all interested

residents to attend its November 17, 2010 meeting at Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., 7:00 PM and share your constructive feedback to improve next years' celebration. The Committee is starting now to plan for next year's tentative date of September 24, 2011. If you are unable to attend the meeting, mail in your suggestion(s) or place them in the drop box outside Town Hall next to the entrance door.

Only your participation, commitment and constructive input will provide a means by which success and improvement, not only of Heritage Day, but the overall improvement of the community is possible. **We encourage you to get involved.**

## Gordy Park Recreational Facilities



The latest of on-going improvements to Delmar recreational facilities has occurred at Gordy Park. Installed are two 15 foot aluminum benches at the skate park and a 21 foot, three-row aluminum bleacher at the Spruce Street side of the basketball court. These improvements were funded by Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Project Open Space. As you enjoy these additions, remember to take care and not vandalize or destroy them. Please be a responsible citizen (adult and youth) and protect your town assets, report any destructive activity to the Delmar Police (410-896-3132, 410-896-3917) or Town Hall (410-896-2777. **If they are destroyed replacement is not an option.**

William Hardin, CDC

### **Holiday Meeting Schedule Changes**

Below are the holiday meeting schedules for the months of November and December

**Planning & Zoning:** November 18, 2010 and December 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Works :** November 22, 2010 and December 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

**Utility Commission:** November 22, 2010 and December 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

**Joint Council:** November 22, 2010 and December 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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### **2010/2011 Town Hall Holiday Closings**

November 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving

December 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup> Christmas

December 31<sup>st</sup>- New Year's Day

January 7, 2011- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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### **Delmarva Model Railroad Club**

The Delmarva Model Railroad Club will be holding its annual open houses on the following dates:

Sat. & Sun.- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Sat. & Sun. – Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Sat. & Sun. –Jan 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Sat. & Sun. – 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday hours are from Noon to 5 p.m.

Donations are collected during the events and are split between the Club and St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

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### **Delmar Historical Tours**

On Friday, December 10, 2010, The Delmarva Historical and Arts Society will be sponsoring Historical Tours of 5 homes and 2 churches in Delmar. The tour will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will start at the Masonic Lodge located at 100 State Street in Delmar, MD. The cost of the tour is \$8.00.

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### **Delmar Community Carol Sing**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Delmar Community Carol Sing will be held on Dec. 5, 2010 in the auditorium of the Delmar High School from 4-5 p.m. There will be a special performance by the High School Chorus, Union Gospel Choir, and Flora Handy. The bell choirs from St. Francis and St. Stephen's churches will also play.

The event is FREE !!! Everyone is asked to bring canned goods which will be donated to Harvest Ministries in Delmar. After the carol sing, everyone is invited to Camelot Hatt at St. Stephen's Church on State Street for fellowship, soup, sandwiches which will be furnished by the churches.

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### **Holiday Trash Removal Schedule**

Delmar, Maryland's trash pick-up day for the week of Thanksgiving will be on Friday, November 26, 2010. The Delmar, Delaware trash pick-up schedule will not be affected during Thanksgiving week.

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### **Employee Spotlight**



The Town of Delmar has two new employees that will have interactions with the residents.

**Chris Hardy**-is our new Animal Control Officer. His office is located out of the Delmar Police Department. Mr. Hardy has previous animal control experience with Wicomico County. He can be reached by calling 410-896-3132.

**Greg Lee**-is our new Public Works Technician. You may have already noticed him either cleaning the streets or getting water reads. Mr. Lee previously worked for Chesapeake Waste.

**We welcome both of them to the Town !!!!!**

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### **Delmar High School Veteran's Day Celebration**

The Delmar School District will be celebrating Veteran's Day on Friday, November 12, 2010 beginning at 10:00AM. The event will take place in the school gym. Students and Staff from the Delmar Middle and High School will join in the celebration by welcoming this year's guest speaker **Major General John M. Custer, Commanding General for the United States Army Intelligence Center of Excellence**. Mr. Daniel P. Custer, a Special Education teacher from the Delmar Middle School was instrumental in inviting his brother to attend this year's celebration. Members from the Delmar community, and local veterans are invited and encouraged to attend the event. There will be a reception before and

after the celebration. This year, we will be honoring men and women veterans from WW I and WW II.

If you have any information about Delmar Alumni that served in either of these wars and were killed in action, please contact Faith Melvin ([fmelvin@delmar.k12.de.us](mailto:fmelvin@delmar.k12.de.us)) or Tommy Nichols ([tnichols@delmar.k12.de.us](mailto:tnichols@delmar.k12.de.us)). We would like to honor those families for the sacrifice their loved ones have made. You may also contact the district office school at 302-846-9544 with any questions.

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Last month the Wildcats Wellness Den sponsored their First Annual Golf Tournament @ Wood Creek Golf Course in Delmar, MD and raised over \$4,000.00 to supplement the *Backpack Program* initiated last year under the direction of our Food Services Supervisor, Terri Addlesberger. It was a huge success and besides the financial contributions it raised the 'awareness level' within our community and our surrounding communities concerning the needs of our students. The program sends backpacks full of individually portioned food items home with students who are at risk of not getting their nutritional needs met during extended breaks from school.

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### **Delaware's Governor Markell Coming to Delmar**

Governor Markell and Delaware Secretary of Education Lillian Lowery and others will hit the road between now and the end of the year for ten public "Conversations about Stronger Schools." These "Conversations" will focus on efforts underway to improve student performance, support teachers and make sure Delaware's children graduate ready to succeed in work or college. The Governor, Education Secretary, and other educators, administrators and private sector employers will talk about a path to stronger schools and give Delawareans an opportunity to ask questions and engage on elements of the plan. **This event will take place at the Delmar High School Auditorium on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 6:30PM.**

Parents, teachers, administrators and members of the business community are encouraged to attend these events. You can also find the full schedule at

<http://governor.delaware.gov/educationconversations.shtml> or on [Face book](#). At noon every Friday, a new video message is posted to the Governor's website and YouTube channel and is distributed to Delaware media outlets. Transcripts of the messages are posted and the audio version of the Governor's message is available on iTunes as a podcast for distribution to personal MP3 players and home computers. The Governor's weekly message is currently being carried on the air and posted on websites by various media outlets, and the direct link

is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2aZPSUEc20U>

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### **Delmar High School Holiday Closings Thanksgiving Break**

November 24-November 26.

Offices and School Resume on Monday, November 29, 2010

### **Winter Break**

December 20-December 31

Offices and Schools resume on Monday, January 3, 2011

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## **Snow Removal**



It is important for all of us to do our part when it comes to safety and snow removal. It is vital, and required by ordinance, for homeowners, residents and occupants to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding their homes within twenty-four hours of the time that accumulation has ceased. Thank you in advance for doing your part to keep the sidewalks safe.\*

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## **Prevent Winter Water Leaks**

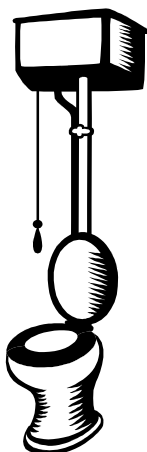
Winter weather will be here soon and along with the winter weather comes the risk of frozen pipes. In order to avoid frozen pipes, allow a trickle of water to run through them and if the pipes are concealed by cabinets, open the cabinet doors to allow heat to get to them. If a pipe does indeed freeze and burst, contact Town Hall at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664 as soon as possible to have the water turned off so that repairs may be made. If a pipe bursts after regular business hours, call Public Works on-call number (443)-359-0894

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## **Tips for Reducing Water Consumption**

The Town of Delmar would like to provide residents with some easy tips to save water which could reduce the cost of utility bills.

1. Use dishwashers and clothes washers only for full loads.
2. Do not allow water to run while washing dishes, brushing teeth, or shaving.
3. Keep bottled water in the refrigerator instead of running tap water to cool it off.
4. Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
5. Do not use toilet as a waste can.
6. Take shorter showers.
7. Insulate hot water pipes.
8. Purchase water devices such as aerator or spray faucets taps, "low flow" shower heads, or toilet water displacement devices. Displacement



devices can be as simple as a plastic bottle filled with water, rocks, or sand and placed in the toilet tank to lessen the amount of water needed to fill the tank after flushing.

9. Wash cars using a bucket of water for washing and the hose for rinsing.
10. Water lawns early in the morning. During the afternoon water evaporates faster. Watering during the evening encourages fungus growth on grass.
11. Mulch helps to retain moisture for plants.

The following examples provide an idea of how many gallons of water could be lost as a result of a leak:

- A leak that is  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch in diameter could lose as much as **10,600** gallons per day or **3.9 million** gallons per year.
- A leak that is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter could lose as much as **42,500** gallons per day or **15.5 million** gallons per year.
- A leak that is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter could lose as much as **95,500** gallons per day or **34.9 million** gallons per year.
- A leak that is 1 inch in diameter could lose as much as **170,000** gallons per day or **62 million** gallons per year.

The following items could be indicators of a leak:

- 1) **Water can be heard running from the toilet long after flushing.**
  - 2) **Water pump comes on when there is no water being used.**
  - 3) **A large increase of gallons used from one quarter to the next.**
- Being aware of the warning signs could identify that a leak is present before a large increase in the utility bill or damage to property has occurred

## **Delmar Chamber of**

